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Vienna, May 5. N. S.

ON the 27th past the Imperial Court went to *Laxembourg*, as is usual at this Season of the Year. The Procurator *Loredano*, Ambassador from *Venice*, went from hence yesterday in order to his return home; Signor *Delfino*, who succeeds him in this Employment, being arrived some days ago. A Courier arrived here last night from Prince *Lewis* of *Baden*, giving an Account, That the Marshal *de Villars* was preparing to force his way through the *Black Forest*; and by some intercepted Letters which the Elector of *Bavaria* had writ to the Marshal, dated at *Scharding* the 11th past, he promises to meet him at *Fridlingen* on *May-day*, or towards *Villingen* as this day or to morrow; But the Count *de Stirum* having the Advantage of one or two days March before him, may perhaps be able to prevent his Design. That Elector has demanded a Supply from the States of his Country, to which they have returned no other Answer than a warm Remonstrance, desiring him to have Compassion on them, and to call a General Assembly at *Landshut*, where their Grievances may be redressed, and an end put to all their Calamities.

Strasbourg, May 7. We have received an Account, That the *French* Army commanded by the Marshal *de Villars* having forced several passes through the *Black Forest*, is advanced to *Villingen*; and it is reported, but with uncertainty, that they have taken that Place. The Marshal *de Tallard* is at present encamped near *Kehl*, whose Army is said to consist of 32 Battalions of Foot, and 50 Squadrons of Horse. A Party of 600 *Germans* came lately within half a League of this Place, and plundered some Villages.

Ratisbonne, May 10. Letters from *Ulm* of the 29th say, a Body of 3000 *Bavarians* [illegible] encamped at *Offenhausen*, near that Place; and fresher advices tell us, they have passed the *Iller*, while the Elector of *Bavaria* with the main Army is hastening up the *Danube*, on the other side towards *Ebingen*. General *Stirum* follows him, but has been obliged to lose time by staying about *Nordlingen*, for the coming up of the *Saxons* who are to join him. Letters from *Stutgard* of the 2d Instant say, the *French* have made themselves Masters of *Horenberg*; and *Wolfach* in the *Black Forest* and though they had more difficult Passes yet to force, however it is feared they may succeed; This morning we received an Account, That the *French*, to the number of 15000 Men, are come before *Villingen*, and have summoned that Place to Surrender, but were answered only with Volleys of their Cannon.

Francfort, May 13. Letters from Prince *Lewis*'s Camp near Stollhoffen say, he had considerably augmented the Fortifications of his Lines, and intended to leave part of his Army there under the Command of General Thungen, and to march with the rest towards the Dutchy of Wirtemberg. That the French having taken the Castles of *Hassiach*, *Woolfach*, and *Horenberg*, in which last Post they left a Detachment of 5000 Men, advanced with 15000 Men to Villengen, and lay about half a League from that Place; That the Elector of Bavaria was 3 Leagues beyond it with 8000 Men, and Count *Stirum* within 3 Leagues of his Army, who had been lately joined by near 8000 Saxons, so that he was about 17000 strong.

Hamburg, May 15. Letters from *Poland* give an Account, That Conferences were daily held at *Warsaw*, in order to the procuring of a Peace between the King's of *Sweden* and *Poland*; wherein the Cardinal Primate did also join his Endeavours. The Deputies of the Republick had Audience of the King of *Sweden* the 26th past, at *Praagh* near *Warsaw*, to make him an Offer of the Mediation of the Republick; but he refused it, looking upon the Republick to be a Party in this War, because they have acted several times offensively against his Troops, However he told them they should find him enclined to an Accommodation, in case they would Authorise the Cardinal Primate to treat, to which it is thought the King of *Poland* will give his Consent. Some Advices add, That the *Swedes* have defeated 3000 *Saxons*, who had lately joyned with some *Polish* Forces near *Pulrock*, about 12 Leagues from *Warsaw*, and have taken all their Bagage and Artillery, having killed or taken Prisoners about 1000 *Saxons*; but that few of the *Poles* were killed, because they retired upon the first Onset. The Great Council at *Mariembourg*, which was adjourned to the 26th past, is now broke up, having resolved to take all the necessary Measures for their Defence, in case the *Swedes* continue their Hostilities, and Orders have been sent to the *Polish* and *Lithuanian*, and to the *Saxon* and other Auxilliary Forces, to draw together forthwith. And the King of *Poland* went for *Elbing* the 6th Instant, intending, as was said, to make a short stay there, and to be at the head of his Army in 10 or 12 days.

From the Camp before Bon, *May* 16. The 5th Instant the Prince of *Saxe Zeitz*, Bishop of *Raab*, and the Count *de Nassau Weilbourg*, General of the Elector Palatine's Troops, came hither to visit his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough*, and after Dinner the former returned to a Cloyster on the other side of the *Rhine*, which he had made choice of for his Residence during the Siege, and the General to the Elector's Court at *Siegberg*. That night a small Party of the Enemy came out of the Fort, and alarmed our Trenches, but was soon beat back, without any Loss on our side. The 7th most of our Batteries were brought to perfection, and the Cannon and Mortars placed thereon, notwithstanding the contiual fire of the Enemy day and night with great and small Shot, without any other Loss than about 10 Men killed and 20 wounded. At night a Battery of 4 Guns began to play upon the Ebing Bridge, between the Town and the Fort, which was thereby sunk the next day. An unfortunate Accident happened that day at General *Dedem's* Attack, where near 150 Bombs, and as many Granadoes, happened to take fire, and were blown up, and a Lieutenant, with 5 Fireworkers, killed, which however did not hinder our beginning to fire from the other two Attacks the 9th in the morning. The Batteries at the Attack against the Fort, consisting of 52 Pieces of Cannon, and 18 Mortars, played with so good Success, that a Breach was made before night; whereupon Orders were given, and the necessary Preparations made, for an Assault about 8 a Clock, which the Enemy perceiving, they set fire to their Caserns, and retired into the Ravelin, in hopes of escaping into the Town in small Boats, for want of their Flying Bridge, as several of them did; and those who remained pretending to defend their Post, our Men, by the help of Ladders, entred into it Sword in hand, killed 10, and took about 30 Prisoners, among whom are the Commander of the Fort, and 3 other Officers; In this Action we had only 3 private Men killed, and 5 wounded. One of the Boats passing from the Fort to the Town with 6 Men was overset, and the Men drowned, and another with 10 Men was driven down the Stream to the Prince of *Hesse*'s Attack, where they were taken Prisoners. As soon as we were Masters of the Fort, 1500 Men were immediately set to work to make a new Battery, in order to bring our Cannon and Mortars forward against the Town; which began to play the 12th, to the number of 70 Pieces of heavy Cannon, and 18 Mortars, in order to make two Breaches, with intent to assault the Place from the Prince of *Hesse*'s Attack, and from General *Dedem's*, now Commanded by Lieutenant General *Fagel*. The 13th about noon, the Enemy, to the number of above 1000 Foot, supported by all their Horse and Dragoons, made a Salley out of the Town against Major General *Dedem*'s Attack; The Forces in those Trenches were at first in some disorder, which gave the Enemy an Opportunity to possess themselves of one of our Batteries, but our Men soon recovered themselves, and repulsed them with the Loss of above 100 killed, and about as many wounded; We took a Major and 3 Captains Prisoners, and had a Colonel taken;